

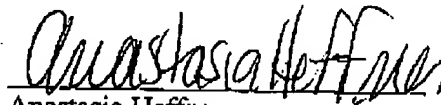
REMARKS

Prior to entry of this response, claims 1-14 and 23-26 are pending, with claims 1, 15 and 23 being independent claims.

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner would allow claim 4. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 4. Accordingly, Applicant contends that claim 1 as amended is allowable. Moreover, because claims 2-3 and 5-14 depend from claim 1, they also are allowable. Applicant has cancelled claims 23-26, thereby mooted the rejection of these claims.

Accordingly, claims 2-3 and 5-14 as amended are patentable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

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